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COTP ADVISORY – PROBLEMS WITH ANOA SUBMISSIONS

The Captain of the Port, Puget Sound has noted a recent increase in non-compliance with the 33 CFR 160, subpart C Advance Notice of Arrival (ANOA) requirements. Specifically of concern are the rising number of submissions not supplied within the required timeframes and incomplete ANOA submissions. It is important to remind owners, operators and agents of the requirements of submitting timely and complete ANOA's in order for your vessel to be cleared for port entry. ***Failure to do so will cause your vessel to be delayed and/or pursuit of possible civil penalty proceedings.***

The following are the most common errors encountered when reviewing ANOA submissions:

1. Vessels arriving from ports more than 96-hours away **must** have their submission to National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) no later than 96-hours prior to arrival at port or place of destination.
2. Vessels arriving from ports less than 96-hours away (i.e. Canada last port of call arrivals) **must** have their submissions to NVMC 24-hours prior to arriving at their port or place of destination. For these arrivals any change in the original ANOA (i.e. crew, cargo, etc.) must be submitted no later than 12 hours prior to arriving at port or place of destination.
3. Submissions that do not have **all** of the information required in 33 CFR 160.206 are considered incomplete submissions. The most common omissions include the following; no operating condition information, receiving facility not identified, inaccurate or missing 24-hour contact information, missing crew information, and no cargo information.
4. To determine if your vessel meets the 300 GT threshold for ANOA reporting purposes please refer to 33 CFR 160.204, specifically the definition of "*gross tons*" contained in this section. If your vessel has a regulatory tonnage and an ITC tonnage you are required to use the higher of the two to determine if you meet the 300 GT threshold. For example, a vessel with a regulatory tonnage of 296 GT and an ITC tonnage of 1134 GT, the ITC tonnage (1134) must be used and the vessel would be required to submit an ANOA.

In an effort to assist you in reporting ANOA's the Coast Guard has employed an electronic submission feature not previously available. This e-submission capability will allow you to make your NOA submission on-line and will provide you with a confirmation receipt e-mail verifying your submission and alerting you to any information that may be missing. I highly encourage you to use this format located on the NVMC website at <http://www.nvmc.uscg.gov/> for your ANOA submittals.

Feel free to contact LT Randy Waddington at 206-217-6134 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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